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Come to the January

P. T. A. Meeting

January 28 8 P.M. Auditorium

PROGRAM

"SOCIAL BEHAVIOR OF TEENAGERS"

One Act Play

"THE INS AND OUTS"

by Nora Stirling

Arranged by the American Theatre Wing
Community Players

Presented by

The Speech Dept. of Wakefield High School

Does Arlington need a Social Code?

Do you hear your teenager say "everybody else does it" or "I don't need an invitation to the party everyone's going"? Should midnight be the deadline for staying out? What about chaperones at parties in the home? These questions and others related to social behavior of teenagers will be discussed by a panel composed of the following parents, faculty and students.

Mrs. Charles E. Planck - Moderator

Mr. Ernest Wylie
Mrs. Howard Lehman
Dr. Milton Stein

Mrs. Olive Pawley
Mrs. James H. Macia
Mr. Ralph Kiser

Sue Allen	12th Grade
Vann Norwood	11th Grade
Don Bell	10th Grade
Carol Sue Perry	9th Grade

DEDICATION TO CITIZENSHIP

This issue of the PTA Bulletin is dedicated to good citizenship and to those parents, teachers and students who practice it in their daily living. It also is dedicated to those who are inwardly devoted to good citizenship but who are weak in its outward manifestations. FIRST, we want to laud those parents who express their good citizenship by giving themselves and their talents freely to the community enterprises that enrich and strengthen our way of life. SECOND, we wish for everyone, and particularly the large numbers who are "inwardly devoted" to good citizenship, a happy and useful New Year sparked by the resolution to participate in some of the duties of good citizenship, including membership in, and support of, their Parent - Teacher Associations. THIRD, we want to pay special tribute to our student "citizens" who show, by word and deed, that they understand and practice good citizenship. It is for the recognition and encouragement of these important virtues that Wakefield Parent-Teacher Association annually conducts a student Citizenship Awards Program.

WAKEFIELD STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Each eleventh grade student will have an opportunity this year to nominate a classmate to receive the Third Annual P.T.A. Citizenship Award. Nominations will be written and will describe the qualifications of the Writer's nominee. The P-TA Citizenship Committee will select the nominee who seems best qualified and will arrange for presentation of the award at the May P.T.A. Meeting.

P.T.A. MEMBERSHIP

DON'T BE A DROPOUT PARENT! Please read the enclosed PTA pamphlet carefully. It is a reminder to all of us of the special importance of PTA participation during the high school years. These are critical years when our youth - part child, part adult - are testing their learning and challenging our precious theories (and exploring some of their own) in the fascinating game of life. It is a period demanding thoughtful guidance, and sometimes wisdom and tact beyond our individual abilities. It is enlightening and strengthening to exchange views and counsel with our friends and neighbors; it is a test and proof of our good citizenship to join with our fellow-parents and teachers in the exploration of common problems and the pursuit of common ideals. We can do these things with dignity and satisfaction, each in accordance with his desires, within the framework of PTA. If you have not already joined Wakefield PTA, won't you please do so NOW? Fill in the enclosed application blank and mail or send it, with your dues, to the Wakefield High School office, or bring it to the January 28 PTA meeting. Membership representatives will be at that meeting to accept new memberships.

MEMBERSHIP SCOREBOARD AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1956. 1831 parents and teachers have joined this year's Wakefield PTA. This is about 45% of the estimated total of 4,000 eligible parents and teachers and compares with last years total of 2010 members. Of the 1738 parent-members, 937 or 54% are mothers; 801 or 46% are fathers. 952 students are represented in PTA from a total enrollment of 2187. Of these, 517 are boys; 435 girls. Student representation and percentage of enrollment by grade are as follows:

8th: 178 (46%) 9th: 253 (48%) 10th: 208 (41%) 11th: 183 (44%) 12th: 130 (38%).

TEACHERS - as of December 31, 1956 - 93 (76%) of all 121 Wakefield teachers had joined. Of the remainder, some are members of other PTA's. Teacher membership, percentage-wise, is substantially higher than parent membership.

MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATIVES - The following are official Wakefield PTA membership representatives. Any of these may be contacted for information or to receive applications and dues. Applications and dues also may be sent to the Wakefield High School office, attention: Mrs. Walton.

Committee Chairmen:	Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Wylie, 3440 S Utah St	TE 6-5590
8th Grade Chairman:	Mrs. Andrew Miller, 4615 S. 36th St	TE 6-9336
9th " "	Mrs. Glenn Hofto, 4752 S. 6th St	JA 2-8171
10th " "	Mrs. Arthur Conover, 5314 N. 2nd St	JA 2-6826
11th " "	Mrs. M. F. Long, 2333 S. Ode St	OT 4-8951
12th " "	Mrs. Steven Myers, 1108 S. 19th St	OT 4-7570

Faculty Representative: Mr. Richard Neal, Guidance Dept., Wakefield High School.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Article V, Section 2, of our Association By-Laws require the naming at the January membership meeting of a Nominating Committee consisting of five persons whose responsibility it will be to nominate two candidates for each office in the Association Executive Committee for the next year. It further provides that the current Executive Committee shall recommend names of persons for the Committee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Accordingly, your Executive Committee recommends the following persons to be members of the Nominating Committee:

Mr. C. Ernest Wylie (Chairman), Fairlington Area
Mrs. Wilbert Fritz, Thomas Jefferson-Henry Clay Area
Mrs. E. R. McKinney, Arlington Forest Area
Mr. H. Tom Hobson, Glen Carlyn Area
Mrs. John Hipp, Peyton-Randolph Area

HELP WANTED

In guiding a Parent-Teacher Association through a new year, there are countless tasks to be performed. These are too numerous and burdensome for just a few hard working hands. These tasks can be lightened, and the success of PTA greatly enhanced, if parents and teachers will volunteer assistance to the various committees, when requested. If you are contacted by a committee chairman, give as generously as you can of your services and your time. It will be sincerely appreciated.

WAKEFIELD THRIFT SYSTEM

Since January 5, 1955 when the Wakefield Thrift System was organized, over 1000 accounts have been opened and the records show total deposits of over $31,500. Over $700 has been paid in dividends to depositors. The Thrift System pays the current rate being paid by the sponsor, The First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Arlington, and at present it is 3 1/2%. Help your child get started with a savings program. Fifty cents will open his account and he will start earning dividends when his balance is $5.00 Dividends are paid semi-annually, December 31 and one week prior to the closing of school in June. Teach him to save regularly and to rememberr that deposits made between the 1st and the 10th of any month earn for that entire month.

During the summer transactions can be made at the South Arlington Office of The First Federal Savings and Loan Association, 3211 Columbia Pike.

Accounts are insured up to $10,000 and all employees of the Thrift System are fully bonded.

WATCH THE MAILS FOR "A MESSAGE TO PARENTS" THAT WILL BE ISSUED BY THE WAKEFIELD THRIFT SYSTEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE!

TWO IMPORTANT JOBS FOR THE WAKEFIELD PTA

In building a background of common understanding, the cooperative activity of the PTA membership in past years has played a significant role in the development of the school. The Wakefield PTA organization was formed before the building was completed and before the school itself was formed. In the early days of its existence, the large membership meetings helped us get a feeling of being a part of a large and important organization that would stand for something in the life of the school. The grade-level meetings helped parents and teachers understand better how each could best contribute to the maturing of our young people. Each year the PTA has attempted to provide information needed by parents by sending written communications to the home and by holding meetings varied in their group constitution, their size and in the subject considered. The organization has labored diligently to help build a community of interest and understanding between the staff and the parents of the school. While this has been the PTA's most helpful contribution, it is a big job and must be worked at continuously. It will continue to be a major concern.

The most important of our current PTA concerns is with the level of professional salaries. Our PTA recognizes that the surest and most direct way to increase the stature of the Wakefield instructional program is to raise teachers' salaries to a level which enables the principal to place able teachers in the classroom and keep them there. This is the only way that the investment in time and energy made in the induction and training of each new staff member can be brought to bear with effectiveness on the construction of a finer educational organization. The PTA is well aware that the present salary scale does not insure this and will continue to consider this a major concern. This work will not be finished until the level of professional salaries is sufficient to attract and retain men of culture, good taste, high level of scholarship, and rich backgrounds of experience. This is a task to which we can all address ourselves through our individual public and private contacts and through our membership in the PTA organization.

Each Wakefield parent can be assured that through membership in the PTA, they are helping to maintain and extend the quality of education available to their children at Wakefield.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

January 28, 29, 30, In-Service Training for Teachers - Holidays for Students

February	1	Basketball - Hammond here	6:30 & 8:30 (J.V. & Varsity)
	2	9th Grade International Party	8 to 10 PM, Girl's Gym
	5	Basketball at Mt. Vernon	7 P.M.
	6	8th Grade Parent Meeting (Auditorium)	8 P.M.
	8	J.R.C. Dance - Girl's Gym	8-10:30 P.M
	9	VOT - Senior High Dance	8-11, Girl's Gym
	12	Basketball - Falls Church here	6:30 & 8:30 P.M
	14	Wrestling - Washington Lee, (At Wakefield)	7:30 P.M
	15	Basketball - Geo Washington (At Wakefield)	6:30 & 8:30 P.M.
	16	Safety Rodeo Keyettes Valentine Dance	8 - 11 P.M.
	19	Basketball - McLean - here	6:30 & 8:30 P.M.
	21	Basketball - Annandale - here	6:30 & 8:30 P.M.
	22	J.R. C. (Washington's Birthday Holiday)	8 - 10:30, Girl's Gym
	27 & 28	Tela Tale Plays	8 P. M. Auditorium
March	1 & 2	Tela Tale Plays	8 P.M. Auditorium
	(8	J. R. C.	8 - 10:30, Girl's Gym
	(8	School Science Fair	Boys Gym
	15	8th Grade Party	8 - 10:30 P.M. Girl's Gym
	22	J. R. C.	8 - 10:30 P.M. Girl's Gym
	23	Hi Y Dance	8 - 11 P.M. Girl's Gym
	25	P.T.A.	8: P.M., Auditorium